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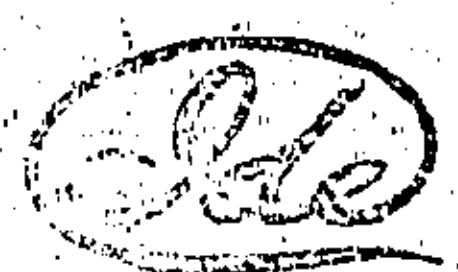
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### JUST GEN.

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OF THIS MESSAGE.

LONDON, May 3.

Some cheers were raised at the conclusion of the statement by Chicherin, given in a tone of moderation, detailing objections to certain resolutions. But he said he would advise his government to carry out the decisions of the conference within the limits of its power. He chiefly objected to some work the conference had delegated to the League of Nations which Russia had not recognised.

Rathenau said the trade of the world must be doubled before it would be possible even to pay interest on the war debts. This was impossible while the nations were lying at one another's throats. At the Finance Commission's nineteen recommendations were finally adopted. Sir Lloyd George, submitting his report of the transport commission, said if the price of recommended re-transport by sea and land and the re-establishment of international trains etc. were carried out they would be well on the way to the restoration of pre-war efficiency. The transport services and railway managements would meet in Paris shortly in order to put into operation the necessary technical measures. That meeting would doubtless result in the establishment of a standing committee of railway managers which would co-ordinate and execute the policy. The commission invited the League of Nations to assist in putting these resolutions into operation.

Genoa, May 3.

M. Skiniat, the chief Polish delegate, further replying to M. Chicherin, said that Poland was doing its utmost to promote settlement of the discussion of Russia's reconstruction and regret that Russia had not accepted the offer of its assistance in the reconstruction of the Russian economy.

M. Skiniat, the Polish Foreign Minister, does not intend to intervene in the relations of Poland with other states. He declares that Poland's participation in the conference on Russian affairs is not connected with the desire of Poland to assist the latter. Poland is not in a position to assist in securing a general solution of the Russian problem, pointing out that the signature of the conference is not expressing the opinion that Russia would be advantageous to the reconstruction of Europe.

Paris, May 3.

In spite of M. Barthou's statement, a semi official message shows that M. Poincare is still not yielding in the subject of a meeting of the Supreme Council which he considers would at present be inopportune and ought to be deferred until after May 31. He also considers it ill advised to present to the German Government the demand for the payment of reparations on May 31.

Genoa, May 3.

Replying to a letter from Signor Salazar, President of the Commission No. 1, drawing attention to Soviet military operations in Georgia, M. Chicherin denies that there have been such operations and urges the powers to pay attention to the military operations of Japan in the Far Eastern Republic which he alleges have enabled the formation of revolutionary bands. Although the hands have been dispersed Japan is still maintaining military occupation.

Genoa, May 3.

Much surprise was occasioned at the prolonged sitting yesterday evening of the sub-commission dealing with the draft of the allied memorandum to the Russians when, with all difficulties believed to have been surmounted, M. Barriere at the last moment withheld approval pending M. Barthou's instructions from Paris.

Mr. Lloyd George expressed surprise because M. Barthou had not said anything about the matter when conversing with him before leaving.

M. Barriere explained that instructions had only just arrived.

The commission resumed its sittings later. It passed the re-drafted articles except the seventh, to which the French moved an amendment which Mr. Lloyd George opposed made the difference between settlement and settlement. Nevertheless he was willing to accept the amendment provided the document was not further delayed.

M. Barriere apologetically explained that he was unable to act without authority from Paris.

Mr. Lloyd George then accepted the amendment and suggested the French reserve final approval.

Genoa, May 3.

The Russian reply to the memorandum is not expected for several days. M. Chicherin has protested against the exclusion of the Russians from the economic commission's labour committee.

Paris, May 3.

M. Barthou returns to Genoa on Friday.

Genoa, May 3.

After Signor Facta had referred optimistically to the progress of the conference, the transport commissions report was passed and the session closed.

### FRANCE SUPPORTS BELGIUM.

Paris, May 3.

The Cabinet has decided that France will support Belgium. The press anticipates the British attitude in connection with the debated arrangements regarding the restitution of foreigners' Russian property.

### THE DOLLAR

To-day's closing rate 3/6 9/16.  
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### HONG KONG ENGINEERING DISPUTE.

#### COURT OF ENQUIRY OPENS.

LONDON, May 3.

The engineering employers to day opened the works to men willing individually to accept terms. There was a very small response.

On the other hand many who had been employed throughout the dispute struck. All the works are heavily picketed.

LONDON, May 3.

Sir William Mackenzie, opening the court of enquiry into the engineering dispute, endorsed at the outset the employers' contention that the men's proposal to suspend lockout notices during the enquiry, also the employers' action in opening the works to individual men was irrelevant.

Sir Allan Smith, on behalf of the employers, repudiated the allegation that they were aiming to smash the trade unions and intimated that he did not intend to call evidence.

Mr. Brownlie opened the case for the men. He emphasised that the unions did not desire to interfere with the rights of the management if they acted in accordance with agreement.

### ITALY AND AUSTRIA

#### ECONOMIC AGREEMENT DENIED.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said that Italy had informed the government on April 24 she had concluded an agreement with the Constituent Government whereby the latter had undertaken to examine favourably Italian applications for certain railway, mine, and public works concessions in Asia Minor but Italy had given formal assurances that the agreement contained no concession of concessions of undertakings on her part and she had not communicated the text as soon as possible. The British Government was informed at the time of the Paris conference that the Turkish Government had made certain proposals to Italy and advised the latter to proceed very cautiously, but was not aware that an agreement was about to be concluded and was not informed with regard to subsequent negotiations.

Rome, May 4.

It is authoritatively declared that Italy has concluded no treaty, agreement or convention with the Austrian Government.

### GERMAN RIFLES.

#### ALLIES TRICKED.

Berlin, May 3.

The inter-allied authorities were recently tricked over the destruction of 1,773 supposed German rifles. They had witnessed a bonfire apparently of the rifles, but subsequently they discovered that they had been looking on burning English and Russian firearms merely covered with a layer of Germans while 2,000 German rifles were stacked in an adjacent railway truck.

### INDIA QUIETING.

#### MILITARY VIEWPOINT.

Solna, May 3.

Judged from the military standpoint, the internal situation is quieting. Numbers of troops employed during the winter in assisting the civil authorities have been withdrawn. Troubles in Malabar have almost ceased and the rising of Bhils at Sihoti, Odipur, and Danta is being successfully dealt with.

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### SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE.

#### KING OF SIAM'S GIFT.

LONDON, May 2.

The King of Siam as an ardent admirer of the poet has sent through the Siamese Minister a hundred guineas to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and fifty guineas to the Memorial Theatre Fund at Stratford-on-Avon.

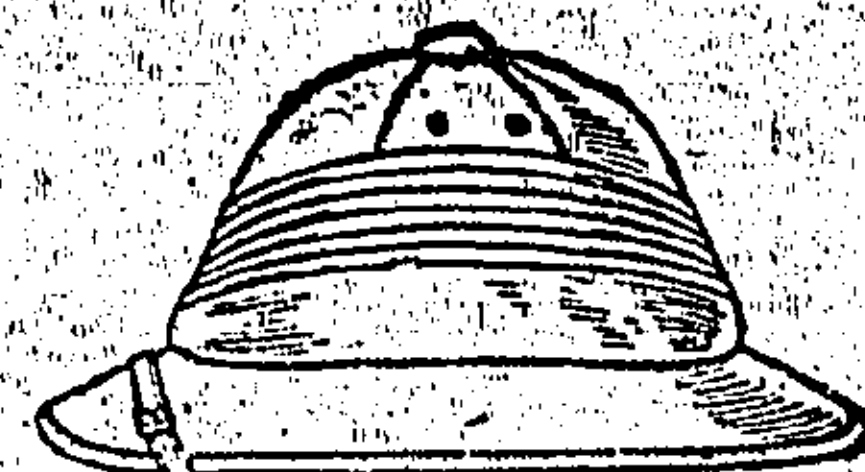
### CAILLAUX.

PARIS, May 3.

Former Premier Caillaux was recently elected chairman of the agricultural committee of the Chamber.

Mr. Caillaux applied to the Council of State which ruled that the agricultural committee are public bodies and Mr. Caillaux is precluded from holding public office.

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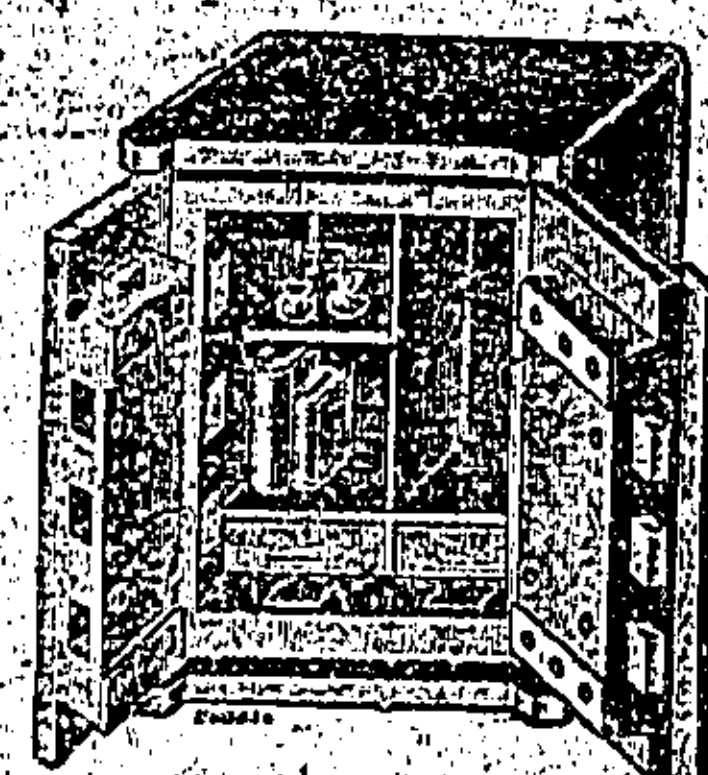
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portance of China as a market for Bri-  
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that the following notes on the Chi-  
nese currency system, supplied by a  
correspondent to the Federation of  
British Industries, may be of interest.  
Before tracing the course of ex-  
change on China during the past few  
months, it may be of value to  
survey briefly the currency system  
of that country. When dealing  
with Eastern exchanges it must  
be remembered that the majority  
are based on silver, as in the case of  
China. In the Commercial Treaty of  
1902 between Great Britain and China  
that country agreed to provide a  
national coinage. An Imperial De-  
cree of October, 1903, amended the  
introduction of a uniform "tael"  
currency, but another Decree of May,  
1910, established a standard currency  
dollar weighing 72 caudars (can-  
dareen, = one hundredth part of a tael  
ounce).The actual currency of to-day is  
that laid down by this Decree, and  
consists of: (1) Silver, which may be  
either uncoined ingots passing current  
by weight, or imported coins such as  
the Mexican and British dollars; (2)  
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value in sterling fluctuates with the  
value of silver, being in 1870 worth  
about 6s. 8d. in 1907 3s. 8d., and in  
1921 about 3s. 8d.Silver dollars coined in Mexico and  
British dollars in Bombay circulate  
freely in the open ports. In fact the  
Mexican dollar is in free use in the  
British colony of Hongkong. The  
dollar quoted in the exchange rates  
for Hongkong is that represented by  
the notes of the three British Banks  
which are established in that colony.  
It should be observed that the value  
of these notes in gold is the basis  
for all exchange settlements in Hong-  
kong. The Mexican dollar is used to a  
large extent in internal retail transac-  
tions, but there are also numerous  
other dollar coins of various values in  
circulation for the domestic trade of the  
country. Naturally, in the case of a  
silver-using country, the question of  
foreign trade is a very difficult one,  
because the gold value—not only in-  
ternal but external—of silverCUTICURA  
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cum is an ideal powder, re-  
freshing and cooling to most  
delicate skins.fluctuates to such an enormous ex-  
tent.During 1921 the gold value of  
silver ranged from an average  
maximum of 41d. per ounce in Oc-  
tober, to 32d. per ounce in March.  
The average rates for China for these  
two months were 6.518 and 4.930  
dollars to the £ sterling, which also  
represent the average maximum and  
minimum rates for the year, thus  
proving the theory that the Chinese  
coin appreciates or depreciates accord-  
ing to the rise or fall in the gold price  
of silver. It must also be noted that  
the exchanges of silver standard  
countries are quoted in silver and  
pence to the dollar or tael; that is  
the gold value of the silver coins  
Hongkong was quoted at 2s. 8d. to  
the dollar, and Shanghai at 3s. 6d.  
to the tael on December 30, 1921,  
whereas on February 8 they were  
rated at 2s. 4d. and 3s. 2d. re-  
spectively, which shows a deprecia-  
tion corresponding to a slight fall in  
the gold price of silver during the  
same period.The United States dollar rate in-  
fluences the price of silver to a very  
large extent; hence it is not surpris-  
ing that the Hongkong and Shanghai  
exchange fluctuates violently during  
large appreciations or depreciations in  
the £ sterling on the New York ex-  
change. The reason for this influence is  
to be found in the fact that the United  
States contain the main source of the  
world's silver supply. Any purchases  
of silver at the present time have  
ultimately to be paid for in U.S.  
dollars, which are practically the only  
gold coins in circulation, and thus the  
sterling price of silver depends direct-  
ly on the dollar rate.

## RAILWAY PROBLEMS.

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

The railway problems of countries  
so diverse in character as Australia  
and China would appear to be rather  
difficult to discuss with any continuity  
of argument or criticism. China with  
its huge area settled for centuries by  
teeming millions, is a great contrast  
to Australia with its one or two  
inhabitants to the square mile, and  
comparatively speaking all recent  
comers. That Mr. T. R. Johnson  
brought the two subjects to-  
gether in a paper he read on  
the 13th inst. before the Institute of  
Transport, is due, not we take it to  
any fact that the problems of these  
countries are related or similar, but to  
the fact that the author's official  
connection with both has given him  
first hand experience of each. Mr.  
Johnson's contribution does not, in  
the case of Australia, carry the matter  
much further than has been done on  
previous occasions, this part of his  
paper dealing largely with the settle-  
ment of the gauge question, says  
"Engineering."With regard to China, Mr. Johnson  
points out that the country averages  
as far as can be ascertained about 200  
inhabitants to the square mile, and  
with an area of about 4,250,000 sq.  
miles has at present about 6,800 miles  
of railway. Owing to financial  
stringency, in addition to Govern-  
ment railways, concessions have  
been granted in the past to  
financial syndicates of various national-  
ities—British, German, French and  
Belgian—and these had each built to  
the practice of their respective  
national schools of railway engineer-  
ing. The result was now that China,  
although to gauge problem worth  
speaking of had to be settled, still was  
faced with the desirability of stan-  
dardising in other directions. The  
systematisation of accounts had now  
been brought about, and agreement  
on other matters as, for instance, a  
standard specification for steel  
bridges. Among new lines the most  
important proposal is that of the  
completion of the Pekin-Canton  
Railway, in which there is a gap of  
about 250 miles. It is hoped that this  
will be commenced shortly. Another  
promising development is a proposal  
to extend railway communication  
into the rich provinces of Szechuan  
from Hankow.

## CAUSE OF DESPONDENCY.

Despondency is often caused by in-  
digestion and constipation, and quickly  
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covered that gives almost immediate relief. I suffered with terrible  
in the painful form of kidney trouble, and I am getting so much relief, and I am  
trouble, and a certain cure ingredients proves to you, for you pleased to say that I have done so,  
practically all cases of rheumatism, own satisfaction, that the healing because for the last twelve months I  
and sciatica, lumbago, stone, gravel, properties have actually passed right through the kidneys and bladder.  
even the terrible Bright's Disease, through the kidneys and bladder.  
This remedy—De Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills—dissolving in the stomach, and in the blood, and in the  
stomach forms an antiseptic solution, and in the blood, and in the  
which washes out the kidneys and bladder, and restores them to their  
healthy normal activity in passing the urine. At various times through-  
out the long period of suffering I have been in a very bad condition, pain  
impossible from the blood out of this long period of suffering I have  
body. These impurities, in the form of uric acid, allowed to accumulate  
in the blood, caused rheumatism, and to stoop was torture, and every ac-  
dropical pains, backache, constipation, weakness, and depression—all of which  
symptoms lead on in time to the more severe and deadly forms of kidney  
disease.HERE ARE SOME WARNINGS  
YOU SHOULD NEVER NEGLECT—  
Headaches, bad breath, and nasty  
taste in the mouth first thing in the  
morning—drowsy, nervous weakness and  
irritability, swollen feet and limbs—  
rheumatic pains and stiffness of joints—  
backache, irregular action of bowels,  
or bladder—urinary weakness, irrita-  
tion or scalding, burning discomfort.  
Any of these symptoms mean kidney  
and bladder trouble.DO YOU REALISE FOUR  
DANGERS?  
These symptoms may mean insistent  
torments of rheumatism—wearing out,  
stabbing backache (lumbago), consti-  
pation, and general debility. Bladder  
inflammation or gravel that cause such  
excruciating pain, or the deadly  
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SYMPTOMS NOW.  
There is one remedy whose honest  
merits the experience of thousands of  
men and women has proved—a remedy  
that is harmless and safe for old and  
young alike—that hardly ever fails to  
cure completely and to cure perma-  
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It professes to do nothing that is not  
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Haver, Kent, Middlesex, England, who  
regulate the bowels. De Witt's Kidney  
and Bladder Pills; they made  
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Mr. Baker's shop in Abbey Street, me a  
new woman. Mrs. Briggs says the  
kidneys and bladder. Relief from and  
felt much better. I got brighter, that  
after a severe chill her kidneys  
pains is positively guaranteed within 24  
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Mrs. WYKES, (from Photo.)

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are sold by Chemists and Storekeepers everywhere in every part of the "British World."  
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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

ON

**SATURDAY,**

May 6, 1922, at 11.30 p.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

Four Cases Cambric Swiss Embroidery,  
Malinal Edging and Black Lace.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ON

**MONDAY,**

May 8, 1922, at 11 a.m.,

Godown No. 37, Hongkong and  
Kowloon Godown  
3 Cases Window Glass, Various  
Sizes.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ON

**TUESDAY,**

May 9, 1922, commencing at 2.30

p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A Consignment of

**WHITE GOODS.**

Comprising:—

Ladies and Gents' Handkerchiefs,  
Darnak Table Cloths 60 and 65 inches  
wide, Serviettes, Turkish & Buckram  
Towels, Bed Quilts, Bed Valances,  
Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Cotton  
Calico, Dollies, Trav and Glass Cloths,  
Sheetings 72 & 90 inches wide, Bed  
Sheets, &c. &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

(for account of the concerned)

ON

**TUESDAY,**

May 9, 1922, commencing at

2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,  
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Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD

FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAK-

WOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS,

CARPETS,

Comprising:—

Dining Sticks, Chestnut Sofas,  
Arm-chairs (new), Card and Occasional  
Tables, Teakwood Twin Bedsteads,  
large and small Wardrobes, Dressing  
Tables and Chairs, Washstands, &c.,  
(fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner  
Waggon, Dinner Services, Crockery,  
&c., Electro-plated Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Screens,  
Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Chairs,  
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Also

1 Piano by Broadwood, and 1  
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1 Complete Suite Stained Teak  
Dining Room Furniture.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

G. H. CORSE JR.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

WE have this day removed our  
Office to No. 1 Des Voeux Road  
Central, above Messrs. Desobon, Looker,  
Deacon and Hantow's office.

ARRATTON V. APCAR & CO.

Hongkong, May 4, 1922.

YEE SENG.

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12, W. King Street.

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## INTIMATIONS.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE second Grimbana Meeting will  
be held (weather permitting) at  
Happy Valley on SATURDAY, May  
6th commencing at 3 p.m.

The Charge for admission will be \$1.  
for others than Members of the  
Hongkong Jockey Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half  
price.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of  
Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, April 29, 1922.

### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-first Ordinary General  
Meeting of Shareholders will be  
held at the Offices of the undersigned  
on FRIDAY, the 19th May 1922, at  
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Agents, together  
with a statement of Accounts for the  
year ended the 31st December 1921.

The Share Register and Transfer  
Books will be closed from the 5th to  
the 19th May 1922, both days inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be  
proposed dealing with the remuneration  
to the Consulting Committee.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 29, 1922.

### INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

#### COMPANY LIMITED.

THE Forty-first Ordinary General  
Meeting of the Company will be  
held at the Offices of the General  
Managers Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &  
Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong on  
TUESDAY 23rd May 1922, at noon for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors, passing the accounts, and  
electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company  
will be closed from the 16th May to 6th  
June both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, April 29, 1922.

## NOTICE.

BEGINNING from the first SUNDAY  
of May, the 7th inst., the order  
of Masses at the CATHOLIC  
CATHEDRAL on SUNDAYS and  
Holydays of obligation will be changed  
as follows:

5.45 a.m. First Mass

7.30 a.m. Second Mass with Sermon  
in Chinese.

8.30 a.m. Third Mass with Sermon  
in Portuguese.

10.15 a.m. Fourth Mass with Sermon  
in English.

Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

## DANCING.

### PALACE HOTEL, KOWLOON.

Saturday, 6th May.

THE Jazz Band of the "Korea Maru"  
will play at the above Hotel on  
SATURDAY, 6th from 7.30 p.m.

Dancing 9 p.m.

Hongkong, May 3, 1922.

### CONSULATE DE-FRANCE.

ACCORDING to instructions from  
the Governor General of Indo-  
China all Asiatic passengers and crews  
of steamers entering ports of Indo-  
China are requested to furnish new  
precautionary requirements against the  
prevalence of plague and smallpox in  
the Colony.

For particulars apply at local French  
Consulate, Alexandra Building.

Hongkong, May 2, 1922.

### D. VIS COMPANY, LTD.

I have to-day assumed charge of this  
Company's business in Hongkong.

G. H. CORSE JR.

Hongkong, May 1, 1922.

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL

WE hereby give notice that from and  
after MONDAY the 1st May,  
1922, our office will be situated at No.  
8, Des Voeux Road Central (2nd floor).

DESBY & BOWLEY.

Hongkong, May 1, 1922.

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL

WE have this day removed our  
Office to No. 1 Des Voeux Road  
Central, above Messrs. Desobon, Looker,  
Deacon and Hantow's office.

ARRATTON V. APCAR & CO.

Hongkong, May 4, 1922.

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## NOTICES.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

#### CANTON, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Forty-ninth Ordinary  
Yearly Meeting of the Society  
will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3  
& 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on  
Friday, 12th May, 1922, at noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Directors and the Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1921,  
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Society will be CLOSED from April  
29th to May 12th, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY

#### ON CANTON LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Extraordinary General Meet-  
ings called to alter the Articles of  
Association of the Society for the  
12th day of May 1922 and the 9th  
day of June 1922 are postponed to a  
later date, notice of which will be  
given in due course. Dated this 28th  
day of April 1922.

By Order of the Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

#### COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Fifty-third Ordinary  
Yearly Meeting of the Company  
will be held at its Head Office, Queen's  
Building, Hongkong, on Friday,  
12th May, 1922, at 12.30 p.m., for  
the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Directors and the Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December 1921,  
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
April 29th to May 12th, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

#### COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Extraordinary General Meet-  
ings called to alter the Articles of  
Association of the Company for the  
12th day of May 1922 and the 9th day  
of June 1922 are postponed to a later  
date, notice of which will be given in  
due course. Dated this 28th day of  
April 1922.

By Order of the Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

#### COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Extraordinary General Meet-  
ings called to alter the Articles of  
Association of the Company for the  
12th day of May 1922 and the 9th day  
of June 1922 are postponed to a later  
date, notice of which will be given in  
due course. Dated this 28th day of  
April 1922.

By Order of the Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE

#### COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Fifty-sixth Ordinary  
Yearly Meeting of the Company  
will be held at its Head Office, Nos.  
3 & 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on  
Friday, 12th May, 1922, at 12.30  
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors and the State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December  
1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from April  
29th to May 12th, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE

#### COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Extraordinary General Meet-  
ings called to alter the Articles of  
Association of the Company for the  
12th day of May 1922 and the 9th day  
of June 1922 are postponed to a later  
date, notice of which will be given in  
due course. Dated this 28th day of  
April 1922.

By Order of the Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE

#### COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Extraordinary General Meet-  
ings called to alter the Articles of  
Association of the Company for the  
12th day of May 1922 and the 9th day  
of June 1922 are postponed to a later  
date, notice of which will be given in  
due course. Dated this 28th day of  
April 1922.

By Order of the Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21, 1922.

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TO LET.—One new No. OFFICE  
ROOM in the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation new  
premises. Apply SANG KEE c/o  
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### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—One practically new  
Semi-Diesel, 175 H.P., 2 cylinders,  
375 R.P.M., 1024-c.c. with complete set  
of spare parts in perfect running  
order. Can be used on application to  
THE FINEST OXYGEN AND  
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Bolt-on Oil Engines direct connected  
to 25 K.W. 115 Volt direct  
current (compound wound)  
dynamo complete with back of  
boiler field rheostat for each  
machine.

(3) Two oil fuel tanks capacity of each  
20 tons.



You will arise refreshed, full of vigour and energy, if you make it a habit of taking

### WATSON'S Effervescent LIVER SALT.

It acts gently on the liver, kidneys and bowels, and eliminates from the system all impurities. It relieves the congested condition arising from sedentary occupations, overwork, errors of diet, etc.

Price \$1.40 per bottle

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You may contemplate and enjoy a most refreshing and luxurious bath by using

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Things as they are, any arrest in the rate of increase of population should not alarm anyone. The sympathy and honour publicly expressed by the Health Minister for those who have made the plunge at a disadvantageous time does not balance the withdrawal of subsidies, and it assuredly does not compensate for the Red Tape obstacles put in the way of "some who would have gone on without them. More Municipalities would probably have carried on successfully if the Ministry of Health, unable to keep its promises, had been content not to meddle. It is probable even that the subsidies had never been promised the Municipalities and Urban Councils would have done better, because they would have had a greater incentive to watch economy of construction. Also, as we noticed some months ago, the co-operative building by Guilds was largely thwarted by the building trade interests, to whom too much official tenderness was shown. Even as it is, community building is going on; and though the shortage is still conspicuous and much remarked, it is not what it was when demobilization began. Hampstead now has a big "garden town" built on the co-partnership principle, with individual funds pooled and administered by an association, practically the same idea as the Kowloon Tong scheme, except that unfortunately here the "individual" funds do not seem to have been forthcoming for the small pool necessary to make a start. In this way at home about ten thousand model dwellings are reported to have been erected, which contrast very favourably with the dreary rows put up by speculative builders.

#### HOUSING

The War stopped house-building for five years at home. Hence a very serious shortage, apparent also in other countries. There are people who argue that it is not for governments to provide houses. They can make out a case. There is no room for debate in the proposition that, when such a scarcity exists, a Government should encourage house-building, or at the very least not discourage it, not make it harder for private enterprise, municipal enterprise or Guild enterprise. Having made promises and set its hand to the task of reducing the shortage, the Home Government has backed out. It is no use to reproach them for that. It may even be unfair, for it seems that they really could not afford to go on. They deserve censure for not admitting it, and for pretending that things are not in such a bad way. Some people maintain that with honest economies, particularly in foreign policy, they could have afforded to do more. The Ministry of Health has taken the trouble to deny that a marked decrease in the number of marriages is due to housing shortage. That makes the critics of the housing problem seem a little silly. It would have been more sensible to say that a report of fewer marriages is nothing to lament. With speculative builders

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL

Quarantine has been imposed by Bangkok against arrivals from Hongkong owing to plague here.

Mrs. A. G. M. Fletcher distributes the prizes for St. Mary's School on Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m.

First pictures of Princess Mary's wedding are included in the Coronet Theatre's current programme.

Owing to the death of Mr. Lau Chu-pak, the Hongkong University Medical Society dinner has been postponed from to-morrow night until June 1.

Suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by motor car No. 52 opposite the Kowloon Theatre, an elderly Chinese was yesterday afternoon admitted to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

As a token of sorrow at the death of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, the Chamber of Commerce flag was half-masted yesterday and the People's Savings Corporation, of which the deceased was President, closed for the rest of the day.

A blacksmith, knocked down and run over by a heavily laden earth truck on the new reclamation at Mataukok, yesterday afternoon, received injuries to his left forearm and both legs. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—Mr. K. M. Fetterly, Assistant Agent of the China Mail s.s. Co., to Miss E. M. McGrath, en route from San Francisco by the s.s. "Nanking." Mr. A. E. Osmund, of Canton, to Miss G. S. de Pinna, of Hongkong.

Mr. Oxberry, the popular proprietor of the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, advertises a dance at his establishment on Saturday night (May 6) commencing at 8 p.m. The Jazz Band of the s.s. "Korea Maru" will play at the hotel from 7.30 p.m., and during the dance.

Beginning with the first Sunday of May (the 7th inst.) the order of Masses at the Catholic Cathedral on Sundays and Holydays of obligation will be changed as follows:—First Mass at 8.45 a.m.; second Mass with sermon in Chinese at 7.40 a.m.; third Mass with sermon in Portuguese at 8.30 a.m.; and last Mass with sermon in English at 10.15 a.m.

Mr. A. R. Lowe, who has served before in the Legislative Council, has been nominated by Mr. A. G. Stephenson, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mr. C. Montague Edge, Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the election of a member to represent the justiciary of the peace on the Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hongkong Garrison cricket team sailed for Shanghai to-day by the "Empress of Japan." It includes Major H. G. Beagall, Capt. P. H. Davies, Capt. G. de Fleming, Lt. S. I. Graham, Lt. Col. M. G. Greer, Capt. C. O. Oliver, Rev. C. Purcell, and Major H. L. Wright. Five Naval men are to be picked up in Shanghai, whether they went with the Fleet en route to Weihaiwei.

Dr. Fenton, of the Hongkong University, charged a Chinese before Magistrate Lindell this morning with the unlawful possession of 11 revolvers and 500 rounds of ammunition. He said that late last night, a sampan came alongside his boat, and transferring some cargo to it, gave instruction for it to be taken to Mongkok, where another boat would meet it and take delivery. On the voyage to Mongkok the boat was stopped and searched and the contents found. Sentence of six months was passed.

A Chinaman was charged before Magistrate Lindell this morning with the unlawful possession of a "Savage" automatic pistol and a quantity of ammunition. He was arrested as he was going on board the s.s. "Siamonah." The revolver was tucked under a defendant's trousers, and the ammunition was contained in a "bag" and "other round" his waist. Revenue Officer Ward who made the seizure said that it was a very common practice for people of the defendant's class to smuggle arms ashore from American steamers. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$200, or two months' hard labour.

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#### WAGES DISPUTES.

##### TALLY CLERKS' TROUBLE SETTLED.

Another local wages dispute has been settled, thanks to the good offices of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax. Early in April the tally clerks presented demands for increased pay. Eventually they appointed two delegates with full authority to negotiate on their behalf, An Cheuk Ming and Lam Wing Nin. The Hon. Mr. E. R. D. Parr and Mr. G. M. Dodwell represented the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chau In Ting and Mr. Ip Lau Tsun the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. This morning the Secretary for Chinese Affairs informed a *China Mail* reporter that the dispute had been settled on the following terms:

(1) 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with two hours off for meals shall count as one day.  
6 p.m. to 12 midnight with one hour off for meals shall count as one day.  
12 midnight to 6 a.m. with one hour off for meals shall count as one day.

(2) Employment for any fraction of a day shall be paid for as for a full day.

(3) The rates agreed upon are:—  
Head tally clerks, \$3.10 per day.  
Tally clerks, \$2.35.  
And these rates are to apply as from April 1, 1932.

(4) No payment in addition to these rates shall be made for meals. Tally clerks are at liberty to provide their own meal, but a charge of 25 cents per meal shall be made if meals are provided by the employer.

These rates shall apply to direct engagement of tally clerks. Commission payable to stevedores in the event of engagement through them for the employer.

The Tally Clerks' Association guarantees that a proper standard of efficiency shall be maintained where direct engagement is effected through its agency.

Negotiations are now proceeding with regard to the carpenters, sawyers, and launchmen's wages. Hopes of early settlement are entertained.

##### VISION OF HADES. STRIKING CORONET FILM INCIDENT.

What has an allegorical vision of Hades or a vivid dream of an Indian slave mart to do with the toughest young life of a pretty boarding school girl? In real life, happily nothing in the clever fiction which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening a very great deal.

Suddenly purified from her life's college life into the hellish galaxy of a hotel and a gambling den, the girl's mother, the heroine of "A Branded Woman," finds herself at the brink of the terrible abyss whence for scraps. Just when hope is lowest, however, fate intervenes to save her. Gradually she regains her way back into reality, and then one day she marries the man she loves. He is a cunning, unscrupulous and together they go to Paris. What next happens is best told in the film. Since the expanded setting of Norma Talma's in the leading role and the masterly work of the producer give dramatic emphasis to every incident and add continually to the whole story.

In addition to other interesting scenes, there are remarkable allegorical glimpses of Hades and the Indian slave mart. "A Branded Woman" is a First National picture.

##### HONGKONG FITTER ELECTROCUTED.

##### A DANGEROUS JOB.

A fitter employed by the Electric Company was electrocuted yesterday afternoon. He was engaged in painting a cable in North Point Powerhouse when he accidentally put his foot on another cable. This caused a short circuit, and the man received a severe shock which killed him. He was rushed off to the French Hospital where life was pronounced extinct. The body was then taken to the mortuary.

##### ARMED ROBBERY NEAR FRENCH HOSPITAL.

A Chinaman was returning to her home in Shaikwan Road about 8.30 last night when she was accosted by three men near the French Hospital. One of the men produced a dagger and the other two stabbed her in the back and the arm. She was rushed to the French Hospital where she died. The robbers ran away in the direction of Soekompo.

#### HONGKONG SHIPBUILDING.

##### LARGE OIL CARRIER LAUNCHED.

##### THIS AFTERNOON'S CEREMONY.

The single screw vessel "Pleiodon," built and craned by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at their works in Kowloon for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., London, was launched this afternoon.

This steamer is the fourth oil tanker carrying petroleum in bulk to be built in China, and is the last of four vessels now under construction for this Company.

The principal dimensions are as follows:—  
Length overall, 427 feet.  
Breadth extreme, 53 feet 5 inches.  
Depth moulded, 31 feet.  
Load draft, 24 feet 9 inches.  
Deadweight carrying capacity, 8,400 tons.

The vessels have a straight stem, and elliptical stern, with long poop, together with a short bridge and forecastle. They have been built on the fishwood longitudinal system of framing, to pass Lloyd's 100 A.I. Class. The machinery is at Accommodation for the Navigating officers is provided in houses on the bridge deck, and the engineers on the poop, each with a separate room. The saloon and engineers' mess room are artistically fitted out. The petty officers, firemen, seamen and greasers' quarters are situated in the forecastle, and their three mess rooms are in the poop near the engine casing. Both a European and a native galley are supplied.

The "Pleiodon" is subdivided by transverse and longitudinal bulkheads, stiffened longitudinally, into 18 main oil tanks and 10 summer tanks. The pump room is situated amidships between No. 1 and No. 5 tanks.

A dry cargo hold is fitted forward under which is a deep tank for either oil fuel or water ballast. Cross-bulkheads and side bulkheads are constructed so that they can be used for either coal or oil fuel. A double bottom is fitted under boilers for oil fuel and under engines for reserve feed water, and both forward and after peaks are arranged for water ballast for trimming purposes.

The fresh water is contained in a built-in tank at the lower 'tween decks.

The machinery consists of a steam driven triple expansion engine having cylinders 22 inches, 44 inches and 73 inches, with a stroke of 43 inches. Steam is supplied by three Scotch boilers of the triple marine type having a working pressure of 160 lbs. per square inch. The boilers are arranged in a row to be able to burn either oil or coal fuel, with a Ziegler-Smith System and a Hotchkiss system of forced draught. The main auxiliaries include a feed water heater, evaporator, distiller, and oil fuel pump are fitted in engine and boiler rooms.

The vessels are capable of maintaining a speed of 11 knots in the loaded condition.

The cargo oil is handled by two large horizontal duplex oil pumps. The cargo oil pump is in forehold for transferring oil fuel in deep tank forward to the cross bulkhead oil tank.

The pumpers are equipped with winches, apparatus, powerful steam winches, winches for handling cargo and warping purposes, and steam steering gear with telemotor control, together with steam heating in accommodation, and electric light.

Four Chinamen were charged before Mr. Fraser of the Magistrate yesterday afternoon with the theft of 40 gallons of kerosene from the Asiatic Petroleum Company's North Point Depot. Two of the defendants were alternately charged with receiving the kerosene. Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for the prosecution and Mr. A. E. Hall for the two men charged with receiving. Mr. Watson said that on April 26, at about 8.15 a.m. Sub-inspector Tordani saw some men carrying buckets along the wall surrounding the Asiatic Petroleum Company's Depot. The men lowered the buckets over the wall to two other men. The oil was then taken up the hill and hidden behind some trees. Cross-examined by Mr. Hall, Mr. W. B. Lightburn, manager of the North Point Installation, who identified the oil, said that the third defendant had been in the employ of the Company for 17 years. He denied a statement made by the first defendant that it was customary to give the drugs of the oil tanks to the third defendant in return for services rendered to the Company and to the Chinese staff there. All four defendants denied the charge of theft, and the case was adjourned.

#### SHANGHAI RACES.

##### SPRING MEETING.

##### THIRD DAY'S RESULTS.

Mr. Morris' Maresfield (Burkill up) won the Champions' (one mile and a quarter) in 1min. 29 1/5 secs. Mr. Campos' Old Bill (Springfield) was second, and Mr. Day's Shenkard (Dallas) third. The Hawk, a hot favourite, badly disappointed his backers. The winning sweepstakes numbers are:—  
1st 21,251  
2nd 39,895  
3rd 20,414

The names of the lucky holders and the amounts won are not yet known.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE.—Seven furlongs.  
Mr. William McBain's Nationalist (Mr. Knoll) 1  
Mr. Henry Morris' Pennyfield (Mr. Heard) 2  
Mr. Liddell's Baycroft (Mr. Liddell) 3

Time: 1min. 47 1/5 secs.

THE RUBICON PLATE.—One mile and a quarter.

Messrs. Winsome's and Hastings' The Peregrine (Mr. Hill) 1  
Mr. G. D. Coutts' Aintree (Mr. Burkill) 2  
Mrs. Isabel Miller's Farmlight (Mr. Moller) 3

Time: 2mins. 40 3/5 secs.

THE "PARI MUTUEL" STAKES.—One mile and a half.

Mr. Nugget's Thomas a Becket (Mr. Burkill) 1  
Mr. Belinda's Tynede (Mr. Brand) 2  
Mr. J. C. Bauld's Lusterlo (Mr. Bauld) 3

Time: 3mins. 10 secs.

THE RACING STAKES.—One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Campos' Crowborough (Mr. Springfield) 1  
Mr. Robson's Harbin (Mr. Brand) 2  
Mrs. Isabel Miller's Farmlight (Mr. Moller) 3

Time: 2mins. 59 3/5 secs.

THE AMOR CUP.—One mile.

Mr. Allan's Indians (Mr. Knoll) 1  
Mr. Risk's Assurance (Mr. Harrier) 2  
Mrs. John Liddell's Huggio (Mr. Liddell) 3

Time: 2mins. 07 2/5 secs.

THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES.—On mile and a quarter.

Mr. Henry Morris' Maresfield (Mr. Burkill) 1  
Mr. Campos' Old Bill (Mr. Springfield) 2  
Mr. Day's Shenkard (Mr. Dallas) 3

Time: 1min. 29 1/5 secs.

THE SWAROV CUP.—Nine furlongs.

Mr. Hellenic's Adonis (Mr. Dallas) 1  
Mr. Cro's Roman Pide (Mr. Moller) 2  
Messrs. Winsome's & Hastings' The Robin (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 2mins. 25 secs.

THE YANOWSKY CUP.—One mile.

Mr. William McBain's Full House (Mr. Brand) 1  
Mr. John Johnston's Blazing Coin (Mr. Burkill) 2  
Mr. Jerome's Seasplann (Mr. Harrier) 3

Time: 2mins. 4 2/5 secs.

THE FOCCHOW CUP.—One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Cro's Standlight (Mr. Moller) 1  
Mr. Paul's White Star Dublin (Mr. Burkill) 2  
Mr. Slogger's Kempston (Mr. Heard) 3

Time: 2mins. 40 4/5 secs.

THE NANKING CUP.—Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Day's Commonwealth (Mr. Dallas) 1  
Mr. Henry Morris' Seaford (Mr. Moller) 2  
Mr. Hellenic's Jason (Mr. White) 3

Time: 1min. 29 1/5 secs.

THE NEWCHANG CUP.—Three quarters of a mile.

Messrs. Stephen's and Stitt's Grey Bowler (Mr. Brand) 1  
Mr. Wing's Beeching (Mr. Wingrove) 2  
Mr. Toog's Zenda (Mr. Strap) 3

Time: 1min. 32 secs.

##### ARMED ROBBERIES.

##### WOODYARD OFFICE TWICE VISITED.

While a Chinese seaman was visiting a friend in a woodyard last night six or seven men, two armed with revolvers and a third with a dagger, entered and demanded money. The manager called out "robbers" whereupon the man with the dagger stabbed him in the head. All four robbers then ran away. They returned at 1.30 a.m., however, and tried to break into the accounts office. Some of the folk sleeping inside gave alarm. One of the robbers fired a revolver shot through the door without hitting anyone, and then all four men again ran away. Later in the morning it was discovered that they had stolen a suit of clothes hanging on the wall in the outer part of the office.

#### CUNNING ROBBERS.

##### PREFENDING TO BE POLICE.

A salt dealer from Shatankok came to Yumati with a friend on April 30 on business. While walking in Shanghai Street on Monday evening, he met a man whom he knew by sight. They got into conversation, and the dealer told the man that he had come to Yumati to close a salt deal and was returning to Shatankok on the following day. The man invited the dealer and his friend to a house in Wusung Street. Here they sat in a room chatting and drinking tea. After a while four men entered, three of them armed with revolvers. They said that they were police officers and proceeded to search the three men, taking \$7 from the dealer and his friend. Then the supposed police officers, accused by the dealer's host of being a robber, and marched him off "to the police station." Needless to say, the jovial host was in league with the other men, who were, of course, robbers. The dealer and his friend were very frightened and went home, and when two days had passed and they had not heard anything from the Police, they reported the matter, but of course, too late.

##### IMPUDENT FRAUD.

##### COLLECTING FOR SHIPPING WORK NOT DONE.

Before Magistrate Fraser this morning, a Chinese was charged with having obtained \$29 from the Java, China and Japan Line by false pretences.

The defendant admitted having received the money but said that he collected it on the instructions of another man.

Inspector J. Watt said that the defendant claimed to be a cinder collector and went round in a small boat to various ships in harbour removing cinders. It was usual for a ship's officer to give cinder collectors a chit to present at the shipping office for payment. On May 1, the defendant presented a chit and three certificates at the J. C. J. L. office and asked for payment of \$26. The certificates appeared to be in order, and the European accountant O.K.ed the chit and the defendant obtained the money. Later it was remembered that the s.s. "Tijebot," the ship the defendant alleged he had taken cinders from, was an oil-burner. Enquiries were at once made and it was discovered also that the name signed on the chit was not known on board. The defendant claimed that he had taken cinders from the "Tijebot" on April 27, 28 and 29, but here also he had made a blunder as the ship left on the 29th.

After the accountant, Mr. Piller, had given evidence, and the chit had identified the defendant as the man to whom he had paid the \$26, the Magistrate convicted.

Inspector Watt proved two convictions for theft, and a sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

##### A FED-UP CONCUBINE.

##### SUDDEN IMPULSE TO SUICIDE.

A young Chinese woman was charged before Magistrate Lindell this morning with having attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour off the Praya in Wanchai yesterday afternoon. She was rescued by boatpeople.

The defendant said that she had no particular reason for doing it. It was a sudden impulse.

Inspector Blackman said defendant was a concubine. She did not like her position and tried that way out of it.

The husband, an equally young man, said that he had always treated the defendant well, and did not know of any reason why she should want to take her own life.

The Magistrate bound the defendant over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months. The question of the girl's position raised by Inspector Blackman was referred to the S.C.A. for settlement.

##### TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the local American Consulate General, from the Manila Observatory at 1 p.m. to-day.

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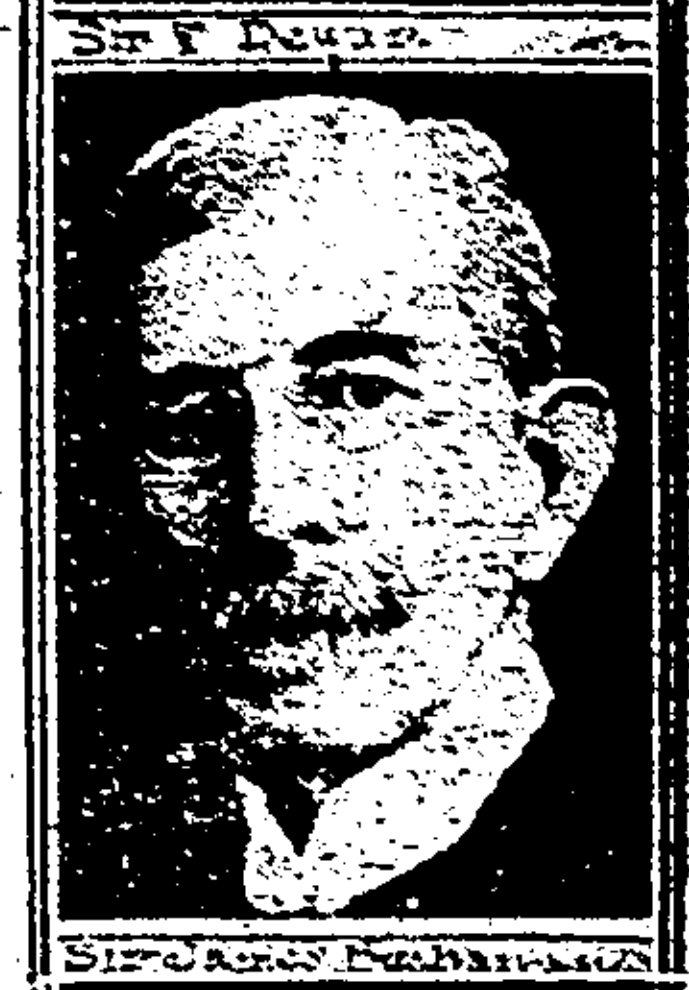
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The Chief Justice said that this would entitle the other side to call any amount of evidence to meet Mr. Brutton's point. It was entirely starting an additional case and he was not going to have it. "This case," continued the Chief Justice, "with some heat, 'ought never to have been brought in the Court; it ought never to have been tried in Hongkong, and I am going to say so, later on. All our time has been given for months and months, trying a Penang case. It may be all right for the lawyers but it is not to the advantage of the Court or of the administration of justice in Hongkong. I hope to be able to take steps to see that a repetition of this does not happen."

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The Chief Justice said that Mr. Brutton's contention that the evidence should be admitted because it had come out in the case would apply to any action. If that were allowed an action could never come to an end. He must therefore refuse the application.

**BEAUMONT'S AFFAIRS.****LOCAL POLICE COURT  
PROCEEDINGS.****RUSS' AND EXCHANGE.**

As briefly reported in yesterday's *China Mail* the hearing was opened before Magistrate Lindsell in the afternoon of the case in which Elias Ackroyd Beaumont is charged with having left the Colony in September 1920 with intent to defraud or delay bankruptcy proceedings brought against him in the Supreme Court.

Mr. G. N. Orme, Official Receiver, prosecuted. Beaumont was represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, Messrs. G.G.N. Tinson and Leo d'Almada were present in court to watch the interests of interested parties.

The first witness called was Mr. Antonio Jeaninho, a book-keeper employed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. He said that in August 1920 he was book-keeper to Messrs. E. A. Beaumont and Co. He made out four receipts for payments into the defendant's private account between August 26 and 30, 1920. The defendant signed the receipts. One of the receipts referred to a cheque for \$3,687. (produced), drawn in favour of the defendant.

Mr. Henrique Armando Castro, managing partner of Messrs. H. A. Castro and Co., was the next witness called. He said that from July 1918 to September 1920, he was export manager to Messrs. E. A. Beaumont and Co. Defendant was in sole charge of the business during that time. Witness had no interest in the firm being engaged on a salary and on commission. The firm had a branch office in San Francisco. The business was that of general merchants, but the firm dealt mostly in rice, transacting considerable business in that line with the Government in 1919. In October 1919 Mr. Beaumont left the Colony and was thereafter abroad until March 1920. It was in April and May of that year, when witness was on sick leave in Shanghai, that he first learned that the firm was in difficulties, from a letter sent by Mr. Hamer, the Import Manager.

Returning immediately to the Colony, witness found that the firm's difficulties arose chiefly over some rice business which the firm was transacting for the Government, and also over the effect of the fall of exchange, on some exchange sale contracts. In reply to his cable Mr. Beaumont wired from Paris that he was returning at once. At his request defendant returned via San Francisco, arriving by the "Shinyo Maru" on August 24. After a thorough examination of the firm's books with witness, defendant said he would take full responsibility and try to raise funds in Hongkong. Failing in his endeavour to obtain help in Hongkong, Mr. Beaumont left the Colony, leaving a message with witness that Shanghai was his destination and asking him to do his best for him with his creditors. Towards the end of September two or three letters and a postcard were received from Mr. Beaumont making general enquiries, but containing no proposal to settle the firm's difficulties. On September 15, the bailiff visited the firm with a petition and closed the premises.

Mr. Castro said that defendant did not give him his address in Shanghai; he wrote to defendant either post, restaurant, or through friends.

Examined by Mr. Russ, the witness said he was an expert in rice. In 1918 the firm made small profits, but in 1919 the December balance sheet showed a profit of \$220,000 and the turnover nearly \$6,000,000. In October 1919, a branch was opened in San Francisco, to which office Mr. Beaumont had remitted from time to time money amounting to nearly

\$40,000. When Mr. Beaumont left the Colony on October 24, the firm was perfectly solvent and flourishing. Mr. Beaumont left full power of attorney with him. On the advice of the San Francisco branch, the firm bought rice to the value of about \$400,000. Mex. and insured it for \$420,000. While witness was away in Shanghai the price of rice fell from \$15 to \$6 a picul, due to the embargo by the Cuban Government on the importation of rice. The firm were left with the rice on their hands and only managed to dispose of it at a loss of about \$300,000. In consequence the firm had to pay compensation to the Bank on their exchange contracts.

This disaster was not due to the fault of the defendant, who, in addition to the loss of practically every penny he had in the Bank, had incurred debts. After defendant's return, the firm was in such a position that if a good sum of money could have been raised it could have been maintained. Mr. Beaumont tried in vain to get financial assistance in Hongkong; and, as it was imperative to get the firm's, he went to Shanghai, where he said he had some influential friends, leaving the same power of attorney to witness. A meeting of the creditors was held at which witness was present. Witness did not remember receiving any letters or demand from the creditors. No writs were issued and no suggestion of bankruptcy proceedings was made.

Mr. Russ:—Do you consider Mr. Beaumont left the Colony to avoid service of any petition or other process in bankruptcy?—No.

Mr. Orme: There were none to avoid so he cannot be charged with that.

Mr. Russ explained that he was taking the witness through the words of the Section. "The petition could have been served on you as the defendant's attorney in Hongkong?" he asked the witness and the reply was in the affirmative.

Do you consider that he left to avoid examination of his affairs?—No.

As these transactions took place while he was away, you were the only person who knew what happened?—Yes.

He knew no more than the Official Receiver could have found out from the books?—That is so.

Do you consider Mr. Beaumont left the Colony to delay any proceedings in bankruptcy?—No.

At the time he left had either he or you the smallest idea of bankruptcy proceedings being brought?—No idea. It was quite a bombshell when they were brought?—Yes.

Who was acting as Official Receiver at that time?—Mr. Melbourne.

He asked you where Mr. Beaumont was?—Yes: I told him, Shanghai.

In reply to the Magistrate, the witness said his words to Mr. Melbourne were "I believe, in Shanghai."

Mr. Russ: Did you ever write to Mr. Beaumont to say it was necessary for him to come down to explain anything?—No.

Could Mr. Beaumont have explained anything if he had come down?—I could have explained it better than he could.

Is it a fact that when the Official Receiver required information he sent for you?—Yes.

And you gave him the fullest information and showed him all the books—all properly kept?—Yes.

Did the then Official Receiver ever suggest to you that he wanted Mr. Beaumont or that you should write and ask him to come back to Hongkong?—No.

When Mr. Beaumont left for Shanghai did Mr. Beaumont leave the bank's deposit receipts for \$5,000?—The Netherlands Bank had one and the Banque Industrielle had one.

He could have got the money, before the bankruptcy proceeding, by simply presenting these receipts?—Yes.

Did he also leave deposit receipts for 173,000 francs?—I believe part was unfortunately in the Banque Industrielle?—Yes.

Do you consider that at the time Mr. Beaumont left for Shanghai, the firm was insolvent?—I consider it was solvent.

Re-examined by Mr. Orme, Mr. Castro said that the fortune the defendant lost represented the profits of 1919. They were selling agents for the Government during 1919, and the profits they made were on commission. There was no gambling. The witness remembered that in August 1919 a Mr. Tsuka came to Hongkong from San Francisco and complained that Beaumont bought rice at a certain price and sold it at a higher figure, but said that Mr. Tsuka's complaint was really directed at the failure of the firm to ship rice to him which had been seized by the Hongkong Government.

The Magistrate: Are you alleging that they bought Government rice outright and sold it at a profit?

Mr. Russ: Is this relevant?

The Magistrate: I don't know, until I understand it.

Mr. Orme explained that the Government arranged to buy rice which Beaumont had. Defendant had some rice which the Government seized and for which payment was made in due course at the price quoted by the firm. He wanted to know whether Mr. Tsuka's complaint was that the firm bought rice at one price and sold it at a higher price.

Mr. Russ: If we made our profits by highway robbery, it is not relevant to these proceedings.

Mr. Leo d'Almada offered to explain the matter but Mr. Russ intimated that Mr. Beaumont would explain either in that Court or in the bankruptcy proceedings.

The matter was dropped on the Magistrate's suggestion.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Castro said the deposit receipts he mentioned had not been realised for the benefit of the creditors; the banks were holding them against overdrafts. He had informed Mr. Melbourne of the existence of these deposit receipts. Why he said Beaumont and Co. were solvent when defendant left for the North was because if Mr. Beaumont succeeded in obtaining sufficient money to "carry on" for one or two months, the profits on some piece goods would straighten matters.

The senior clerk in the Official Receiver's office produced files showing that the creditors' petition and the receiving order were both dated September 15, 1920; the assets were \$3,765 and the debts proved \$214,000 and \$12,880. As there was no statement of affairs by the debtor it was not known if there were other creditors. No information or communication was received from the debtor.

In reply to Mr. Russ, the witness said Mr. Melbourne told the creditors' meeting that the debtor was in Shanghai.

Mr. Russ: Did your department, from first to last, ever write to Mr. Beaumont requesting him to come to Hongkong?—

Witness: No.

Mr. Orme: Was any address for Mr. Beaumont given on the file?

Witness: No.

Mr. Russ submitted that the prosecution had not made out a case. Mr. Orme remarked that the onus was on the defendant to prove *bona fides*.

The Magistrate: Yes, of course, but they get a large amount of evidence favourable to their side from your chief witness.

Mr. Orme: I know of no evidence that the defendant did anything. If he did, I shall be glad to hear it.

The hearing was then adjourned until Saturday. The defendant was released on the same bail as before.

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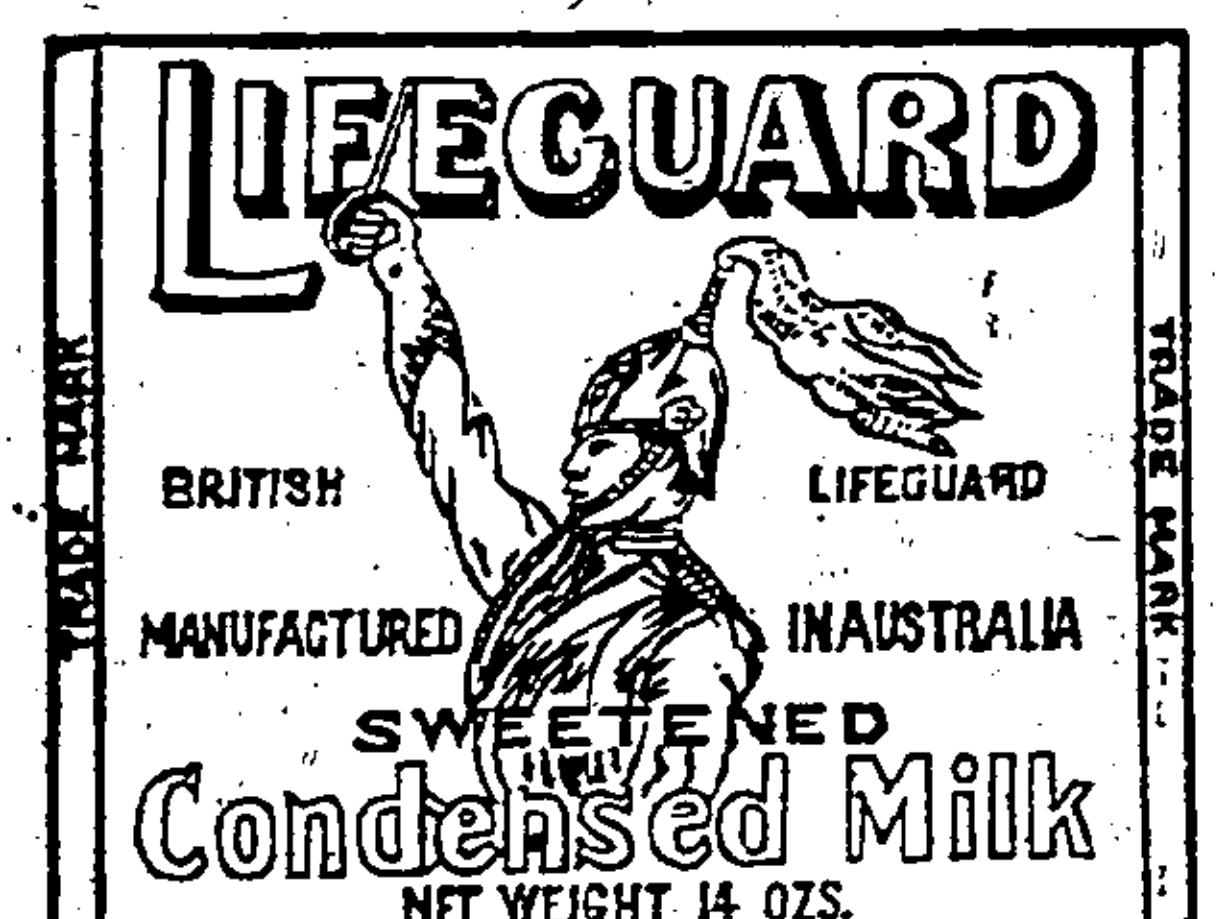
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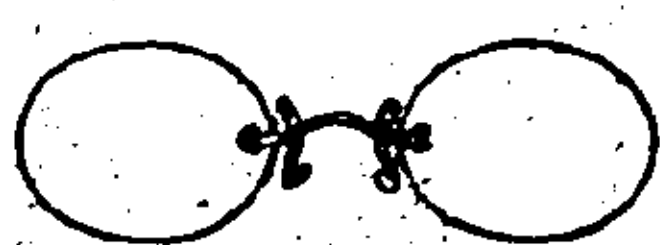
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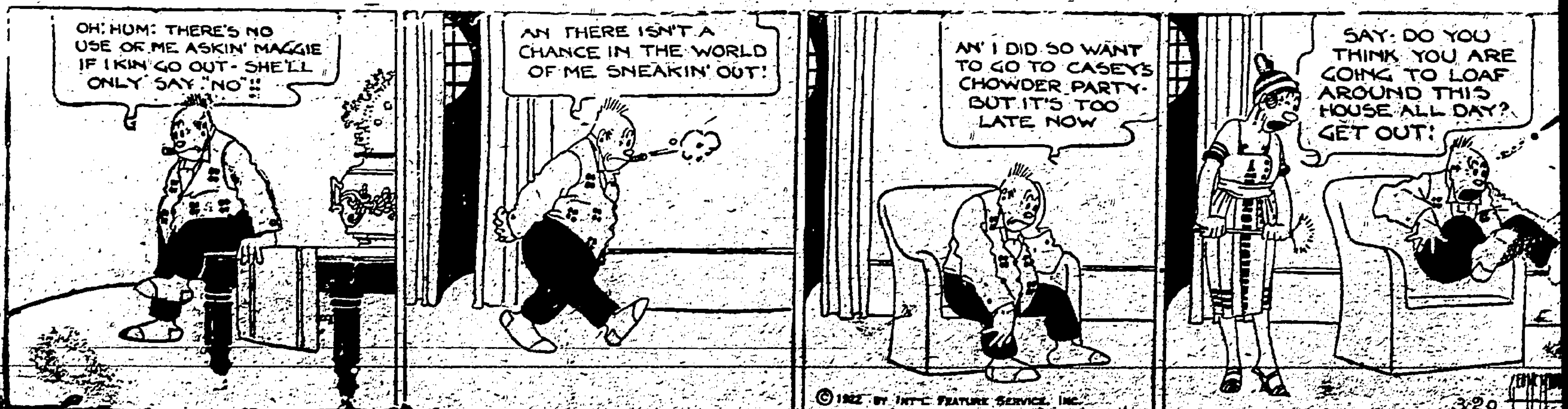
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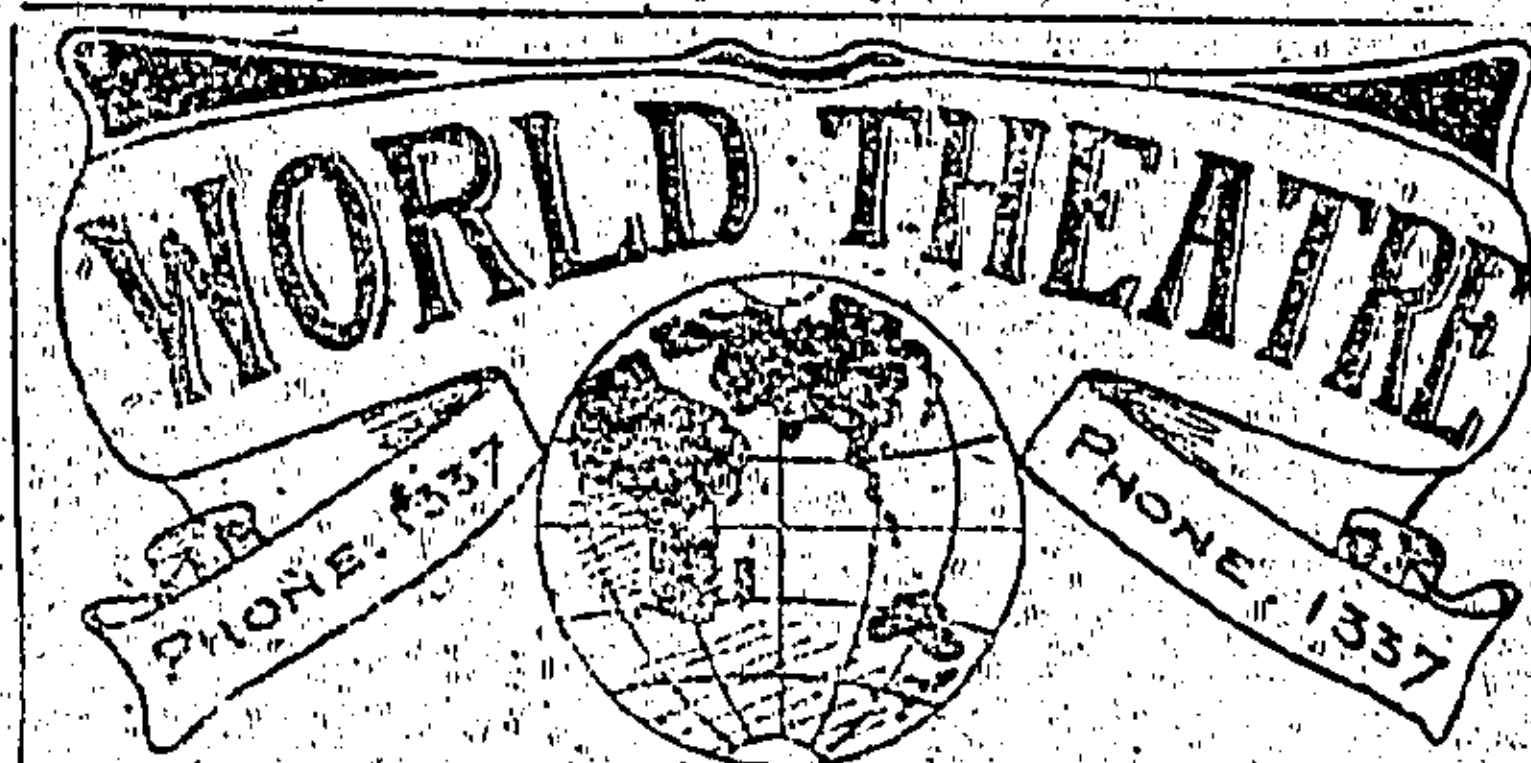
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## FRANCE AND BELGIUM

## SECRET TREATY DENIED.

**BERLIN, May 4**  
The Belgian Legation categorically denies the reported existence of a secret Franco-Belgian treaty providing for a joint offensive in Germany in the event of an attack on the occupation troops or a threat to the Treaty of Versailles.

## MAY DAY INCIDENT.

## JAPANESE EXPLANATION.

**LONDON, May 3.**

Explaining the May Day incident in Hyde Park the Japanese Embassy has issued a statement stating that the Secretary of the May Day celebration committee on April 25 requested the Embassy to transmit a resolution to the Japanese Government as regards the withdrawal of troops from Siberia in order to receive the Government's reply on May 1. The Charge d'Affaires on April 27 informed the secretary of his inability to comply with the request unless it was communicated by the British Foreign Office. Consequently there had been no interview between the delegates and any member of the Embassy when they called on May 1.

## GERMAN CABLE COMBINE.

**BERLIN, May 3.**

The German Atlantic, German South American and East European telegraph companies have arranged a scheme of amalgamation with increased capital.

## JIM LARKIN'S BAIL.

**NEW YORK, May 3.**

Jim Larkin refuses his liberation, complaining that the \$15,000 bail is demanded for his case while similar convicted men are released on considerably smaller amounts.

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